

# SAR Sentinel

Oklahoma City Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



December 2010

Heading by Megan Sanford

Next Meeting: Monday, Dec. 13th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Oklahoma BarBQ, 50th & Meridian

## DECEMBER SPEAKER: Professor Lindsay G. Robertson



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Professor Lindsay G. Robertson joined the law faculty in 1998 after serving as a visiting professor in 1997. He teaches courses in Federal Indian Law, Comparative Indigenous Peoples Law, Constitutional Law and Legal History and serves as Faculty Director of the OU Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy.

Prior to coming to OU, Robertson taught Federal Indian Law at the University of Virginia School of Law and the George Washington University National Law Center. He was a Research and Visiting Fellow at the Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies from 1992 to 1994.

He worked in private practice in Washington, DC, and Charlottesville, Virginia, and as a judicial clerk at the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. He currently serves as Special Justice on the Supreme Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes.

Robertson is the author of *Conquest by Law* (Oxford University Press 2005).

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## Certificate of Appreciation

### Wayne Nash

Past President Wayne Nash was presented a certificate of appreciation from Oklahoma City SAR President Glenn Fast during the November meeting.



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## Chapter President's Report

"Wishing each and all a Merry Christmas and a safe and blessed holiday season.



This month's meeting will be, in part, recognizing those members who have not yet received their NSSAR service medals. The Sons of the American Revolution strives in identifying those who served and/or continue to serve. If you are new and are a veteran, you are eligible. Please contact either Col. Bill Melton or Compatriot Jim Priddy for further details.

*Plan on attending the December meeting, and please bring a gift for the Marines' Toys for Tots as there will be a collection box present. Please bring all toys for tots without gift wrapping. All toys should be new toys.*

The attendance numbers have been impressive, and I congratulate the efforts of everybody involved!

(Oh, and speaking of impressive, you've to see Hal Pennington in his new uniform as he broke out at the 45th Veteran's Day ceremony).

Happy Holidays!

In patriotism"

Glenn Fast

New Members: by Wayne Nash

Norvell Clarke



Norvell lives in Oklahoma City. His Patriot ancestor is Jephthah Clarke

Craig Storck

Craig and his wife Amanda live in Oklahoma City. His Patriot ancestor is William Wallace.



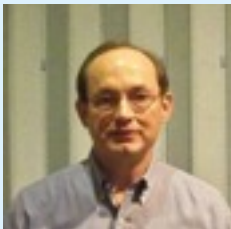
Robert Meritt



Robert lives in Edmond, OK with his wife Julia Ann. His Patriot ancestor is Stephen Meritt

Robert James Tyndall

Robert James Tyndall, Edmond, OK His wife is Karen Sue, and his patriot ancestor is David Fannin.



Book Review provided by Al Lankford

## AMERICAN INSURGENTS AMERICAN PATRIOTS

by: T. H. Breen

In his book , American Insurgents American Patriots, T.H. Breen focuses on the years immediately before the Declaration of Independence. Prior to 1774 most colonists believed themselves to be Englishmen in full standing and could rely on the King and Parliament to recognize and protect their rights. It became apparent after a series of taxation measures culminating in the Coercive Acts that the mother country regarded the colonies as a cash cow whose only purpose was enrich England. Breen cautions us not to take the position that the American Revolution was just an effort to avoid taxation , to say so demeans the the whole undertaking. The colonists were aware of what the British had done to Ireland , Scotland and other colonies and felt it was now their turn to be plundered.

The group we call the founding fathers were not very active during these early years ,they desired to restore the relationship with England, and the idea of revolution and disorder caused them great concern. They had a somewhat elitist attitude to the common man Washington called them "the grazing multitude" and Adams called them "the common herd of mankind" , and regarded them as incapable of self government. These attitudes would change with time of course. The people were out in front of their leaders during these critical years and had taken control of events. They were for the most part children of the Great Awakening , a series of religious revivals that had transformed the face of religion. This movement led to the idea that our rights were given us by our creator and not a King, this was a very radical idea at the time, Breen discusses this overlooked aspect in some detail. The importance of the newspapers and the fact that the could be distributed throughout the colonies in a matter of a few day by a fledgling Postal Service tended to bring the colonies together. When Boston was occupied and the port closed all of the colonies shared the outrage.

The committees of correspondence , safety and observation were active in all colonies , their formation and function is discussed in some detail. These important committees revealed Royal Government to be a house of cards and were instrumental in its demise. These committees gave local citizens , some for the first time, experience in directing their affairs. These events brought them to the point that they prepared to rebel against the established government; This is the definition of insurgent.

### ***Our Color Guard : by Henry Baer***

*The color guard was busy in November. Members participated in the Enid Veteran's Day parade and The Veteran's Day ceremony at the 45th Infantry Museum. Several chapter members also participate in the wreath making workshop with the Ft. Reno Chapter of the DAR. These wreaths will be laid on the graves at the Ft. Reno Cemetery on December 18th at 1pm. Our color guard will be assisting with this ceremony. The ceremony will include the mounted Calvary and bugler. This ceremony is part of the Wreaths Across America project. Compatriot Henry Baer is pleased to announce that Lt. Governor Jari Askins has accepted our invitation to deliver the keynote address at the Fort Reno Patriot Wreath Laying Ceremony, December 18th. We are delighted to have the Lt. Governor join us as we honor our veterans. For more information, contact Henry Baer (405) 720-2909; or the link below will take you to the story that posted today concerning the Fort Reno Patriot Wreath Project. <http://www.elenotribune.net/?id=5181>*

### ***From the desk of : Robert Thomas, Chapter Registrar***

*We currently have 109 members with seven new applications and two supplements at National and Wayne Nash is working on one more.*

Please plan on joining your fellow Compatriots in attending the OKC/SAR meeting Monday, Dec. 13th, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting; Oklahoma BarBQ @ 50th & Meridian, OKC.  
**REMEMBER TO BRING "unwrapped" TOYS FOR TOTS!**